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SUBJECT: Request for Comments: House Passed "Omnibus
Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act"

Summary

1. The House recently passed major, significant legislation dealing with diplomatic security and terrorism. Action was taken prior to passage to mitigate Agency concerns regarding the legislation. We are reviewing the legislation to determine what, if any, further action should be taken in the Senate. To do that, we are soliciting your comments on the bill as it passed the House. The bill and report are long and thus, although you are free to comment on any portion thereof, your attention is specifically directed to the sections of the bill addressed in this memo. Comments on the diplomatic security and Title VIII issues should be addressed to [redacted] of this office, those on terrorism to [redacted] (both on ext. [redacted]). We need your views by the close of business 7 April 1986.

Background

2. Attached for your information is a copy of pages H 1231 - H 1272 from the Congressional Record of March 18, 1986. They reflect House consideration and passage of the "Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act". The text

of the Act as passed is found on pp H 1251-H 1262 (the minor amendments adopted by the House do not affect Agency concerns).

3. Also attached is a copy of H. Rept. 99-494. This is the report of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the bill. With some minor variations, the sections of the bill discussed in the Committee report are the same as the sections of the bill as passed by the House.

4. In the Senate, the House-passed bill has been referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. We are advised that the bill is not on a "fast track" in the Senate but will, instead, receive careful consideration by the Foreign Relations Committee. We have already established preliminary contact with staff members on that Committee with whom we can discuss Agency concerns as appropriate.

Diplomatic Security - Overview

5. Titles I through IV of the bill were derived from the recommendations of the "Inman Commission" on overseas diplomatic security. You will recall the Agency supported the Administration legislative package implementing the Commission's recommendations but then strongly objected to the legislation as reported out by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, principally because of concerns with these titles.

6. After discussing Agency concerns with the National Security Council, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Vice President's Task Force on Anti-Terrorism, the Department of State and Agency components, the Foreign Affairs Committee was approached with a number of recommended changes, some of which the Committee adopted for inclusion in the "clean bill" which ultimately passed the House.

7. While many of the Agency's concerns were thus addressed in the House-passed bill, some do remain.

8. The following is a list of the sections in regard to which our changes were included in the House-passed bill, followed by a list of the changes which we intend to seek in the Senate.

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